**Reopening the Consulate of China**

54. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2317 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th November, 1988 and state what is present position regarding re-establishment of Consulate-General in India by China?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARI): The position remains unchanged.

**Proposal of Andhra Pradesh for Development of off-Shore Road**

55. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANS PORT be pleased to state:

(a) whater a proposal from the Andhra Pradesh Governemnt for the development of off-shore road on the Eastern Coast connecting various places in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Orissa is pending with Government;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that a meeting between the Minister for Surface Trans port and the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh took place recently; and

(d) by when the construction of this Toad is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Acquisition of aircraft by Indian Airlines and Air India**

56. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of aircrafts to be acquired by Indian Airlines and Air India during 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993; and

(b) whether Government have made a detailed assessment of the need of number of flights and frequency and for the coming ten years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) Indian Airlines will receive 19 airbus A-320 aircraft during 1989-90. Indian Airlines also proposes to acquire 12 Airbus A-320 aircraft during 1990-1991. Indian Airlines has projected the need to acquire 33 aircraft of various dimensions beyond 1990-1991 and till the end of the 8th Five Year Plan.

Air India has sent a proposal to Government for acquisition of 2 Airbus A-310-300 aircraft during 1990. Air India has also drawn up a detailed integrated plan till 1995-96 which is at present before its Board for consideration. According to the study made by the sub-Committee of the Board, Air-India would need 12 aircraft upto the mid 1990s.

(b) The Tata Committee has done studies on the requirement of the capacity in coming ten years and report in this respect is available with the Government.

**Policy regarding acquisition of vessels**

57. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the Government's policy to allow acquisition of vessels;

(b) whether Government are allowing

shipping compainies to acquire fishing vessels; and

(c) if so, what are the detail thereof, including the norms fixed therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Any person who fulfils the requirement of Section 21 of Merchant Shipping Act 19.58 can apply to Government for acquisition of vessels. Permission to acquire vciscs'.s is given taking into consideration the need for the Vessels and, in the case of second hand Vessels, also the age of the Vessel, the reasonableness of the price etc.

(b) and, (c) Any Indian company including a shipping company can acquire deep sea fishing Vessel. Shipping companies can apply on prescribed form to the Ministry of Food Processing Industries for issue of authorisation to import Vessel.

The Government allow acquisition of deep sea fishing Vessels through general import, indigenous construction and under 100% export oriented scheme. Acquisition of deep sea fishing Vessel is also allowed to joint Venture company for operation in Indian waters. In case of general import scheme, entrepreneurs have to acquire one Vessel indigenously against the import of two Vessels (paripassu condition). In case of 100% export oriented scheme this condition is not applicable.

**Development of inland waterways with Soviet assistance**

58. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the development at Inland Waterways with the Soviet assistance;

(b) if so, what are the details of the waterways proposed to be developed with the help of Soviet Union;

(c) whether any agreement has been signed with USSR in this regard; and

(d) if so, what arc the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) A three member Indian delegation had visited Soviet Union in September, 1988 to explore the possibility of techno-economic cooperation in IWT matter. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed by them with the Soviet side. The USSR has shown interest in mutual co-operation for development of IWT including possible supply of IWT Vessels, training of personnel, etc. Soviet side have also agreed to arrange demonstration of passenger Vessels on Indian waterways after working out the mutually agreed programme for the purpose.

**Declaration of ancient monuments in Orissa**

59.SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 684 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th November, 1988 and state what are the details of various measures taken for the proper preservation of monuments and sites identified for conservation in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : Besidses annual maintenance and upkeep of the monuments sites structural repairs like removal of accretionary plaster, replacement of architectural members, consolidation of the structures, grouting, filling up of cracks and fissures, pointing, extraction of salts by chemical process and preservation replacement of worn out structural members and resetting of loose slabs properly are carried out as per the actual needs of the monuments under central protection in Orissa, referred to